GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PETROLEUM PRODUCTS .
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) The revenue earned by the Government from various duties on petroleum products during each of the last three years, item wise;

(b) Whether efforts at rationalising duty structures on such products have been made by the Government from time to time;

(c) If so, the details thereof; and

(d) If not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) Provisional revenue collection figures from customs & excise duties during the last three financial years are given in Annexure.

(b), (c), & (d) In 2005 budget, the Government had reduced customs duty on crude from 10% to 5%, on petrol and diesel from 15% to 10% and converted major portion of excise duty on petrol and diesel from advalorem to specific rates. Similarly, kerosene for Public Distribution System and Liquefied Petroleum Gases for domestic household use were exempted both from customs and excise duties. In June 2006, the Government has further reduced customs duty on petrol and diesel from 10% to 7.5%.